

U.S. Senator Wayne Allard

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U.S. Senator Wayne Allard is a Colorado veterinarian committed to paying down the debt, cutting taxes, limiting congressional terms, and returning power and responsibility to state and local governments.

Consistent with his belief that elected officials should be citizen legislators, Allard spends a majority of his time in Colorado. Since 1991, Allard has held more than 500 town meetings across Colorado. During his time in the Senate, Allard has held a town meeting annually in each of Colorado's sixty-four counties, while maintaining a 99% voting record. Allard has pledged to hold at least one town meeting each year in every Colorado county during his term in the U.S. Senate. He has led by example by being the most frugal member of the Colorado congressional delegation and has returned more than \$2.3 million in unspent office funds to the U.S. Treasury since being elected to federal office in 1991.

Allard was born in Fort Collins, Colorado in 1943 and raised on a ranch near Walden, Colorado. He received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Colorado State University in 1968. While completing veterinary school, Allard married Joan Malcolm who received her degree in microbiology from CSU. They built their veterinary practice from scratch, the Allard Animal Hospital, and raised their two daughters, Christi, born in 1968, and Cheryl, born in 1971, in Loveland, Colorado. The Allards have four grandsons.

Allard ran his veterinary practice full-time while serving in the Colorado State Senate from 1983 to 1990 representing Larimer and Weld Counties. He is best known for his tenure in the Colorado State Senate for sponsoring the state law limiting state legislative sessions to 120 days preserving the concept of the citizen-legislator. Allard worked hard to pass Colorado's historic term limits initiative in 1990 and continues to support term limits.

Allard served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District from 1991 to 1996 before being elected to the United States Senate in 1996. As a Colorado Congressman, Allard served on the Joint Committee on Congressional Reform, which recommended many of the reforms included in the Contract with America. These items were among the first legislative items passed by the Republican controlled Congress in 1995.

Allard is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Strategic Subcommittee; the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Housing and Transportation Subcommittee; the Senate Budget Committee; and the Senate Agriculture Committee. In February 2001, Allard was appointed by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott to serve on the High Tech Task Force and the National Security Working Group. He is also Chairman of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus.